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**Rep. Heagney and Sen. Herlihy Announce \$500 Thousand Grant to  
Simsbury Public Library**



**HARTFORD-** State Representative Rob Heagney (R-Simsbury) and State Senator Thomas Herlihy (R-Simsbury) today announced that the State Bond Commission has approved a grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the Simsbury Public Library.

“We are pleased that these funds will be made available to the Simsbury Public Library,” said **Representative Heagney**. “A July, 2004 survey indicated that the library is crowded, noisy and cramped. These funds should help assure that there is adequate room for quiet study, tutoring, computer use and other activities. I am thankful to Governor Rell and the Bond Commission for addressing this issue.”

“The Simsbury Public Library is a wonderful asset to our community,” said **Sen. Herlihy**. “It is, however, in need of some renovations and improvements. Being able to secure this funding will go a long way towards making these upgrades possible.”

The planned expansion of the Library will add 19,500 square feet bringing the total square footage to 42,600. The project will create quiet work, reading, and study areas with 43 additional seats; provide an information/technology training facility for 20 people, double the children’s services area and meeting spaces; enlarge the Business Information Center and staff work areas, and store and display an additional 35,000 items. The plan will also bring aisle widths into ADA compliance.

The Bond Commission took up the Library grant at its regularly scheduled meeting, Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2005 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1E of the Legislative Office Building.